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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/005,787	DONALD W. TAYLOR ET AL
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Edward J. Cain	1714

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 December 2004.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 and 9-16 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 2,4 and 6 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,3 and 9-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 5,15 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date, _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

The amendment received 15 December 2004 has been made of record. Claims 1-6 and 9-16 are pending.

The finality of the previous office action is hereby withdrawn.

The rejection under USC 103 over Bier contained in the previous office action is withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendments.

Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

This rejection is maintained for reasons of record. Applicants' have not yet clarified whether a vinyl acetate monomer or polymer is intended.

Claim 10 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. Claim 10 is a duplicate of claim 9.

Claims 1, 3 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Desai et al.

Desai et al disclose aqueous compositions comprising polyvinyl alcohol, silicon containing surfactants, thickeners and anti-microbial agents. These compositions are taught as suitably prepared with a basic pH (see example 6). Regarding the recitation of a foam suppressant in instant claims 11 and 13, the surfactants taught by the reference are seen as inherently functioning as foam suppressants. Regarding the recitation of

"naturally occurring salt containing water" in instant claim 3, no difference is seen between this component and water to which salt has been added.

Therefore, the reference anticipates the rejected claims.

Claims 5 and 15-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2, 4 and 6 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward J. Cain whose telephone number is (571) 272-1118. The examiner can normally be reached on **M-F* from 10:00 to 6:00.

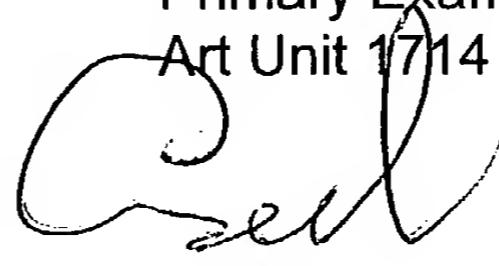
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan, can be reached on 571 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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